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Speaker Biographies

Frank Prager, Managing Director of Environmental Policy, Xcel Energy

Frank Prager is Managing Director of Environmental Policy with Xcel Energy, a public utility holding company serving customers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Colorado, Texas and three other states. Mr. Prager is responsible for establishing the company's position on a variety of environmental public policy issues, including air quality, renewable energy, innovative technology and climate change. Mr. Prager leads an environmental policy team that is developing strategies to provide Xcel Energy with greater flexibility and certainty in its operations, promote the company's environmental reputation, and provide the company with opportunities for growth arising from its unique environmental position. Previously, Mr. Prager was assistant general counsel with Xcel Energy and represented the company on environmental matters.

Mr. Prager is a graduate of the University of Colorado, where he received degrees in Chemical Engineering and English. He earned his law degree from Stanford University.

Molly Tirpak Sterkel, Senior Analyst, California Public Utilities Commission

Molly Tirpak Sterkel has worked on energy policy for 10 years. She is currently a Senior Analyst in the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC's) Energy Division. Ms. Sterkel works on a broad range of electricity procurement policy issues, including resource adequacy and long-term procurement planning practices of the State's three investor-owned utilities. Her career has focused on the development of policies and programs related to clean energy, including climate change, energy efficiency, and renewable energy.

Before joining the CPUC, Ms. Sterkel was a senior consultant at ICF Consulting. Prior to joining ICF Consulting, Ms. Sterkel helped create two non-governmental organizations that support groundbreaking approaches to climate change policy and renewable energy.

Ms. Sterkel has a Master's degree in Public Policy from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.
